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=Statistics on International Terrorism in 1979

Table 1

Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Incidents, 1968-79

Location	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total ¹
North America	35	7	23	24	18	18	38	51	37	23	19	25	318 (11.4)
Latin America	41	71	113	70	49	80	124	48	105	46	61	53	861 (25.8)
Western Europe	16	31	58	38	112	141	151	109	179	129	166	137	1,267 (38.0)
USSR/Eastern Europe	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	3	3	15 (0.4)
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	7	8	4	4	4	9	18	16	20	24	10	124 (3.7)
Middle East and North Africa	18	32	60	52	35	21	47	56	62	48	61	39	531 (15.9)
Asia	1	12	19	24	43	10	11	13	14	8	16	26	197 (5.9)
Oceania	0	5	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	19 (0.5)
Transregional	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 (0.1)
Total	111	166	282	216	269	275	382	297	413	279	353	293	3,336

¹ Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each region.

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Table 2

International Terrorist Attacks on US Citizens or Property, 1968-79, by Category of Target

Target	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total ¹
Diplomatic officials or property	12	17	52	51	22	19	12	12	12	21	22	21	273 (20.3)
Military officials or property	4	2	38	36	11	12	12	9	33	40	30	7	204 (15.1)
Other Government officials or property	26	32	57	21	20	10	16	14	2	7	2	10	217 (16.1)
Business facilities or executives	6	35	24	40	44	51	86	42	52	33	47	27	487 (36.2)
Private citizens	3	7	17	5	12	10	13	27	26	13	21	12	166 (12.3)
Total	51	93	188	153	109	102	139	104	125	84	122	77	1,347

¹ Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each category of target.

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Table 3**International Terrorist Incidents,
1968-79, by Category of Attack**

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total ¹
Kidnapping	1	3	32	17	11	37	25	38	30	22	27	20	263 (7.9)
Barricade-hostage	0	0	5	1	3	8	9	14	4	5	11	13	73 (2.2)
Letter bombing	3	4	3	1	92	22	16	3	11	2	5	24	186 (5.5)
Incendiary bombing	12	22	53	30	15	31	37	20	91	57	69	19	456 (13.7)
Explosive bombing	67	97	104	115	106	136	239	169	176	131	133	115	1,388 (47.6)
Armed attack	11	13	8	8	9	10	21	11	21	14	36	26	188 (5.5)
Hijacking²	3	11	21	9	14	6	8	4	6	8	2	8	100 (3.0)
Assassination	7	4	16	12	10	18	12	20	48	23	29	47	246 (7.4)
Theft, break-in	3	7	22	10	1	0	8	8	5	0	12	2	78 (2.3)
Sniping	3	2	7	3	4	3	3	9	14	6	9	8	71 (2.1)
Other actions³	1	3	11	10	4	4	4	1	7	11	20	11	87 (2.6)

¹ Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each category of attack.

² Includes hijackings by means of air, sea, or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings.

³ Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 4**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Incidents,
1968-79, by Category of Attack**

	North America	Latin America	Western Europe	USSR/ Eastern Europe	Sub- Saharan Africa	Middle East/North Africa	Asia	Oceania	Trans- regional	Total
Kidnapping	3	144	25	0	40	34	15	2	0	263
Barricade-hostage	6	19	24	0	2	19	3	0	0	73
Letter bombing	15	9	100	0	14	7	37	0	4	186
Incendiary bombing	30	72	256	3	4	53	34	4	0	456
Explosive bombing	214	403	641	8	12	250	48	12	0	1,352
Armed attack	3	37	38	1	23	62	24	0	0	188
Hijacking¹	6	23	19	1	7	28	16	0	0	100
Assassination	17	62	94	0	20	38	14	1	0	246
Theft, break-in	3	45	14	0	0	14	2	0	0	78
Sniping	12	32	9	1	1	13	3	0	0	71
Other actions³	9	15	47	1	1	13	1	0	0	87
Total	318	861	1,267	15	124	531	197	19	4	3,336

¹ Includes hijackings by means of air, sea, or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings.

³ Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 5**International Terrorist Attack on US Citizens or Property,
1968-79, by Category of Attack**

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	Total ¹
Kidnapping	1	2	17	9	2	20	8	20	7	4	5	5	100 (7.4)
Barricade-hostage	0	0	3	0	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	3	16 (1.3)
Letter bombing	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	12 (0.9)
Incendiary bombing	12	18	40	26	13	19	25	4	36	24	49	9	275 (20.4)
Explosive bombing	30	58	77	93	73	52	90	63	44	35	40	38	693 (51.4)
Armed attack	1	4	3	4	6	6	5	3	8	3	11	7	61 (4.5)
Hijacking²	0	4	12	3	4	0	0	2	5	4	0	1	35 (2.6)
Assassination	3	2	9	2	2	3	2	7	13	5	6	9	63 (4.7)
Theft, break-in	0	3	15	8	0	0	3	3	1	5	4	3	41 (3.0)
Sniping	2	1	5	2	2	0	3	1	5	4	3	3	31 (2.3)
Other actions³	0	0	5	6	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	21 (1.6)
Total	51	93	188	153	109	102	139	104	125	84	123	77	1,348

¹ Figures in parentheses are percentages of the total accounted for by each category of attack.

² Includes hijackings by means of air, sea, or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings, many of which involved US aircraft.

³ Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 6**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Incidents,
1979, by Category of Attack**

	North America	Latin America	Western Europe	USSR/ Eastern Europe	Sub- Saharan Africa	Middle East/North Africa	Asia	Total
Kidnapping	1	11	2	0	1	1	4	20
Barricade-hostage	0	8	1	0	0	4	0	13
Letter bombing	1	0	22	0	0	1	0	24
Incendiary bombing	1	3	7	1	0	1	6	19
Explosive bombing	16	15	66	1	2	13	2	115
Armed attack	1	4	4	0	2	4	11	26
Hijacking¹	1	1	0	1	0	4	1	8
Assassination	2	6	25	0	5	7	2	47
Theft, break-in	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Sniping	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	8
Other²	1	0	8	0	0	2	0	11
Total	25	53	137	3	10	39	26	293

¹ Includes hijackings by means of air, sea, or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings.

² Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 7**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Attacks
on US Citizens or Property, 1968-79, by Category of Attack**

	North America	Latin America	Western Europe	USSR/ Eastern Europe	Sub- Saharan Africa	Middle East/North Africa	Asia	Oceania
Kidnapping	0	61	1	0	14	20	4	0
Barricade-hostage	3	3	1	0	0	8	1	0
Letter bombing	3	2	1	0	2	0	4	0
Incendiary bombing	6	61	131	1	3	42	27	4
Explosive bombing	77	267	186	0	4	118	38	3
Armed attack	0	19	12	0	3	17	10	0
Hijacking¹	6	5	11	0	0	3	10	0
Assassination	3	23	11	0	6	14	6	0
Theft, break-in	0	28	5	0	0	7	0	0
Sniping	0	16	4	1	0	7	3	0
Other actions²	1	7	3	1	0	8	1	0
Total	99	492	366	3	32	244	105	7

¹ Includes hijackings by means of air or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings, many of which involved US aircraft.

² Includes occupation of facilities without hostage seizure, shootouts with police, and sabotage.

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Table 8**Geographic Distribution of International Terrorist Attacks
on US Citizens or Property, 1979, by Category of Attack**

	North America	Latin America	Western Europe	USSR/ Eastern Europe	Sub- Saharan Africa	Middle East/North Africa	Asia	T
Kidnapping	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	5
Barricade-hostage	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Letter bombing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incendiary bombing	0	1	1	0	0	1	6	9
Explosive bombing	12	10	12	0	0	2	2	30
Armed attack	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	7
Hijacking¹	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Assassination	1	0	6	0	1	0	1	5
Theft, break-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sniping	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Other²	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	15	18	21	0	1	10	12	71

¹ Includes hijackings by means of air or land transport, but excludes numerous nonterrorist hijackings, many of which involved US aircraft.

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